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The Honorable Richard M. Berman  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

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Conference is adjourned  
to 5-7-08 at 10:00a.m.  
Time is excluded pursuant  
to the Speedy Trial Act for the  
May 5, 2008  
reasons set forth in this letter.

SO ORDERED:  
Date: 5-6-08 Richard M. Berman  
Richard M. Berman, U.S.D.J.

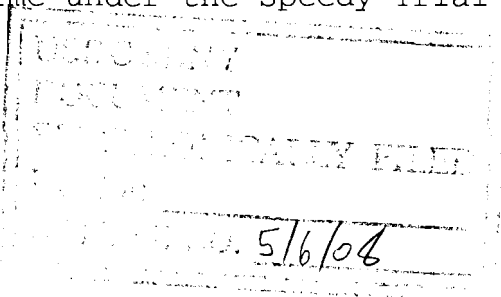
Re: United States v. Juan Ortiz  
07 Cr. 1218

Dear Judge Berman:

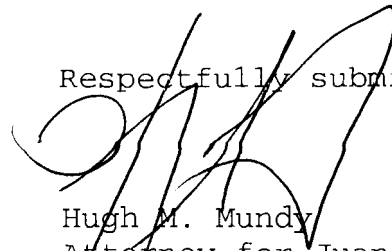
I write on behalf of my client, Juan Ortiz, to request a brief adjournment of his status conference, currently scheduled for May 6, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. I have spoken to counsel for the Government who does not oppose my request for an adjournment.

I make this request as Mr. Ortiz has a previously-scheduled state court appearance at the same time as his appearance in this case. In addition, the parties have begun settlement negotiations in this case, and the additional time will allow that process to continue.

The parties are available between May 7-9, 2008 to appear in this Court for the status conference. Counsel for the government, however, has advised me that she is unavailable on May 8, 2008 between 2-4 p.m. Further, Mr. Ortiz consents to the exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act.



Respectfully submitted,

  
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